

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 0112 at page 28 as follows.

As shown in FIG. 6, traffic processing flow path 603 extends in traffic flow direction from local packet processors toward a switching fabric 645. Traffic processing flow path 604 extends in traffic flow direction from the switching fabric 645 toward local packet processors. BIA 600 includes deserializer receiver(s) 602, traffic sorter 610, wide cell generator(s) 620, stripe send queues 625, switching fabric transmit arbitrator 630 and ~~sterilizer~~ serializer transmitter(s) 640 coupled along path 603. BIA 600 includes deserializer receiver(s) 650, stripe interface module(s) 660, stripe receive synchronization queues 685, controller 670 (including arbitrator 672, stripe-based wide cell assemblers 674, and administrative module 676), wide/cell translator 680, destination queues 615, local destination transmit arbitrator 690, and ~~sterilizer~~ serializer transmitter(s) 692 coupled along path 604.